

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy**  
**Special Assistant to the President**  
**for National Security Affairs**

**SUBJECT: Affirmation of the Role of the Director of**  
**Central Intelligence and of the Central**  
**Intelligence Agency in Wartime and in**  
**National Emergencies Short of War**

1. In keeping with my responsibility as Director of Central Intelligence and the request set forth in the President's memorandum of January 16, 1962 for recommendations to facilitate the accomplishment of the objectives of my office, I am forwarding herewith a proposed National Security Action Memorandum for approval by the President.

2. At the present time there are no outstanding executive orders or executive directives pertaining to my role as the Government's principal foreign intelligence officer and the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the event of future war and during national emergencies short of war. Therefore, I believe it is necessary and desirable to affirm the continuity of my role and the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in such circumstances.

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3. - ~~Substantive~~ review of the responsibilities and authorities of my office and of the Central Intelligence Agency does not indicate need for change in either statutory or executive directives to meet the requirements of national emergency situations.

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**Director**

cc: Secretary of State  
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